<u>In the Specification</u>:

On page 10, in the paragraph beginning on line 7, please amend the specification as follows:

In one embodiment, request receiver **212**,
5. increaser/storer **214** and provider **216** are a part of operating system **210**. The request received by request receiver **212** corresponds to ~~and~~ <u>an</u> application programming interface call that is received by operating system **210** and provided to request receiver **212**.

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